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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS

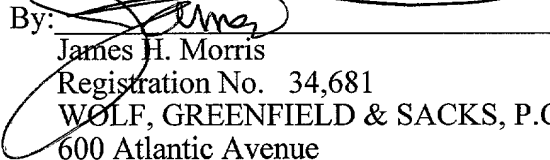
3. A method according to claim 1 further comprising the steps of:
for each data store generating a list therein containing an entry for each first dependent file in the data store, said entry including a first record having details of the first dependent file.
5. A method according to claim 1 further comprising the steps of:
selecting the file locator from a file locator means which contains a plurality of file locators; and
selecting a file reader from file reader means which contain a plurality of file readers.
6. A method according to claim 1, wherein said predetermined parameter comprises the date on which the data file was last modified.
7. A method according to claim 1, wherein said predetermined parameter is a UNIX date stamp.

8. A method according to claim 1 further comprising the steps of:
identifying every said first dependent file in said data store.
9. A method according to claim 1, wherein said data store is a data base library.
13. A computer system according to claim 10, further comprising:
file locator means containing the plurality of file locators; and
file reader means containing the plurality of file readers.
14. A computer system according to claim 10, wherein said predetermined parameter
comprises the date on which the date file was last modified.
15. A computer system according to claim 10, wherein said predetermined parameter
is a UNIX date stamp.
16. A computer system according to claim 10, wherein said data store is a data base
library.

REMARKS

This is a preliminary amendment in which the claims have been amended to place them
in better form before initial examination by the Examiner. Favorable action is hereby earnestly
solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDED CLAIMS SHOWING THE AMENDMENTS

3. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 [or 2] further comprising the steps of:

for each data store generating a list therein containing an entry for each first dependent file in the data store, said entry including a first record having details of the first dependent file.

5. (Amended) A method according to [any one of claims 1 to 4] claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

selecting the file locator from a file locator means which contains a plurality of file locators; and

selecting a file reader from file reader means which contain a plurality of file readers.

6. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said predetermined parameter comprises the date on which the data file was last modified.

7. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said predetermined parameter is a UNIX date stamp.

8. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 further comprising the steps of: identifying every said first dependent file in said data store.

9. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said data store is a data base library.

13. (Amended) A computer system according to claim 10, further comprising:
file locator means containing the plurality of file locators; and
file reader means containing the plurality of file readers.

14. (Amended) A computer system according to claim 10, wherein said predetermined parameter comprises the date on which the date file was last modified.

15. (Amended) A computer system according to claim 10, wherein said predetermined parameter is a UNIX date stamp.

16. (Amended) A computer system according to claim 10, wherein said data store is a data base library.